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OXIDASE AND UTILIZATION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated February 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.